



HUD SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

2006 BALA AWARD

Deadline for Registration: July 1, 2006

"HUD and the nation's homebuilders are turning dreams into realities. Through collaborative public/private partnerships in communities throughout the country, we are creating new homebuying opportunities for lower-income households by removing the barriers to affordable housing, minimizing regulatory obstacles, and educating potential homeowners. Our goal is to line America's streets with affordable, accessible, well-designed, and well-built homes that enhance and embrace the neighborhood."

—Alphonso Jackson, Secretary



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REGISTRATION FORM

As part of the Annual Best in American Living Award, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Alphonso Jackson, in partnership with *Professional Builder* magazine and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), announces the tenth annual HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence.

The HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence recognizes superior design created through cooperative public/private efforts that expand homeownership opportunities for underserved American families.

CRITERIA

Each award entry must meet the following criteria:

1. **Affordable homeownership.** Homes must be targeted to families with incomes less than 80 percent of the area median income (AMI).
2. **Timeframe.** The first home must be complete—or the first model home must open—after May 1, 2005 and before July 15, 2006.
3. **Partnerships.** The homes must be built using public and/or private funds. Please include a narrative describing development and financing.
4. **Superior design.** The homes embody design excellence—meeting current and future needs, understanding and responding to local context, enhancing the surrounding neighborhood, and displaying long-term durability.
5. **Innovation.** Homes should employ one or more of the following: PATH-identified technologies <http://www.pathnet.org>; creative methods to overcome regulatory barriers <http://www.huduser.org/rbc>; innovative conservation techniques (i.e., energy, water, construction waste); or cutting-edge construction processes.
6. **Meeting federal requirements.** If the project is required to be accessible under federal law, it will undergo a review to determine the extent to which it has fulfilled the federal accessibility requirements. [i.e., American Barriers Act of 1968 (ABA); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 (FHAct); or the American Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.] Note: Projects selected will also undergo HUD review to ensure that there are no legal actions pending.

ENTRY DETAILS

Applicants should not supply any information other than what is requested. After submitting the registration form, each applicant will receive a notebook containing a checklist, detailed entry forms, and instructions for organizing entry exhibits.

Registration forms and fees for the 2006 HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence must be received at *Professional Builder* magazine no later than July 1, 2006.

All entry notebooks must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2006, to be eligible for inclusion in the 2006 HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence competition.

Registration fees are \$100 for each entry in this category. Please make checks payable to **Best in American Living Award**. A panel of HUD judges will select Platinum, Gold, & Silver award winners.

For questions regarding HUD application submissions, PLEASE CONTACT:

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The 2006 award winners will be announced at the 63rd NAHB International Builders' Show in Orlando, Florida, February 2007. Winners will be presented awards during a ceremony sponsored by NAHB, *Professional Builder* magazine, and several leading building product manufacturers.

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I am submitting a total of \$ _____ for the 2006 HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence competition. Please send me an entry notebook.

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